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Dear Ms. MacWilliams:

Thank you for expressing your concerns about increasing restrictions and taxes on tobacco. I appreciate having the benefit of your views.

Let me assure you that I understand your concerns about tougher restrictions and higher taxes on tobacco products. The fact remains, however, that tobacco is responsible for 400,000 American deaths and $52 billion in health care costs annually. Something must be done to combat this problem, and I support greater public education about the dangers of tobacco use. I also believe the Congress must take a leadership role in encouraging smokers to break the tobacco habit.

I want you to know that I am considering the proposed tobacco settlement and cigarette tax increase very carefully, and I will keep your views in mind as the Congress continues to debate this important matter. You will also be pleased to know that the Senate is not likely to vote on the McCain tobacco settlement bill before it adjourns for the year.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

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